BASIC GAMEPLAY CONTROLS

PLAYER WITH PUCK

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER™	KEYBOARD
Shoot	Button **1**	**A**	SPACEBAR
Pass/Face off	Button **2**	**B**	C
Speed burst	Button **3**	**C**	X
Deke	Button **4**	**X**	Z

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Hook/Hold	Button **1**	**A**	SPACEBAR
Change player	Button **2**	**B**	C
Body check	Button **3**	**C**	X
Big hit	Button **4**	**X**	Z

NOTE: In addition to these basic moves, *NHL® 2003* includes many other enhanced control features that can help change the outcome of any game. For more detailed information about gameplay controls, ➤ *Complete Controls* on p. 5.

For more info about this and other titles, visit EA SPORTS™ on the web at www.easports.com.

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INTRODUCTION

Whether you're a hardcore hockey fan or a rookie who's just picking up the stick, *NHL 2003* delivers a fast-paced, hard hitting challenge for every sports gamer. Pull off 90-mph slapshots and awesome moves with Dynamic Deke Control. Show off your deke skills and earn rewards like the Game Breaker—pull the trigger and bust the game wide open. Torching speed and pulverizing action will get any sports fan fired up. When you think you're ready for some serious competition, take your game online and challenge the world's best in the fastest sports game on earth!

KEY FEATURES

- **Dynamic Deke Control**—Trigger one of eight different moves with the touch of a button, or create your own dekes and dominate the ice.
- **Game Breakers**—Perform dekes to fill the meter and then trigger a Game Breaker and enter a "zone" of heart-pounding intensity where surroundings move in slow motion as you blast past the opposition for a goal.
- **"On the Ice" Sound**—Experience the authentic sounds of the game from ice-level with audio captured from real NHL games, including chatter from the bench, players shouting, and sticks and blades scraping the ice. Now in four-speaker surround sound
- **EA SPORTS™ GameStory 2**—Featuring cinematic camerawork, cool new replays, play-by-play, and color commentary, the EA SPORTS GameStory 2 tracks player and team stories throughout the entire season.
- **Improved Goalie AI**—True-to-life goalies make spectacular saves and other game-changing moves on breakaways and rebounds.
- **Create-a-Player**—Put yourself in the game as an intense forward or a bruising defenseman with an assortment of facial features and options.
- **Improved Puck Physics**—The puck responds realistically to every deke, pass, and slapshot.
- **Customizable Gameplay**—Get audio tips and adjust Gameplay Sliders to slow down the action or speed things up for more challenging gameplay.
- **It's in the Game™**—Official NHL and NHLPA® licensed product including all 30 NHL and 20 international teams.
- **Sign Up for EA SPORTS™ Online**—With real-time team and player stats, play against other members in tournaments and enjoy other cool interactive features.

COMMAND REFERENCE

This section provides controller diagrams and a conversion table for *NHL 2003* gameplay.

⊙ The Front End can be navigated only with a mouse.

NOTE: In this manual, the default controls are provided using Gravis GamePad Pro controls. To use a different control method (e.g., keyboard or Microsoft SideWinder), refer to this section for the control equivalents.

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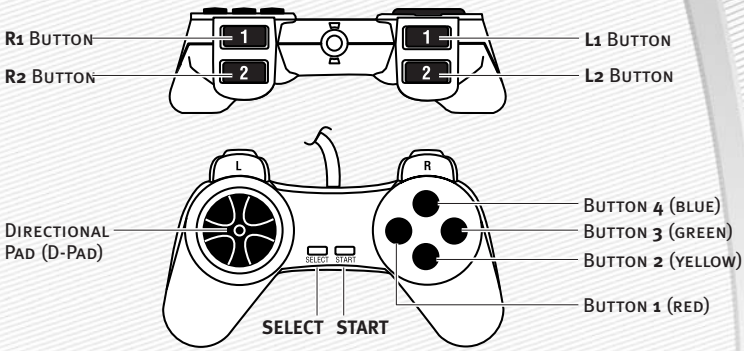

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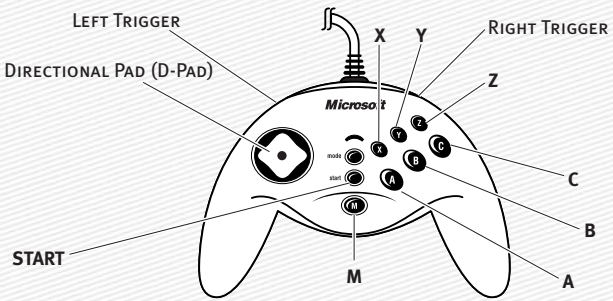


CONVERSION TABLE

GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	*MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER*	*KEYBOARD*
D-Pad	D-Pad	Arrow Keys ↑ ↓ ← →
Button **1**	**A**	SPACEBAR
Button **2**	**B**	C
Button **3**	**C**	X
Button **4**	**X**	Z
Button **5**	**Y**	I
Button **6**	**Z**	O
Button **7**	LEFT TRIGGER	P
Button **8**	RIGHT TRIGGER	L
Button **9**/**SELECT**	**M**	ENTER
Button **10**/**START**	**START**	ESC

NOTE: **See enclosed Install Guide for Technical Support information.**

COMPLETE CONTROLS

Master all of these controls and you can add the finer points of hockey to your game.

NOTE: **Default options are listed in bold type.**

GENERAL GAMEPLAY

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Pause game	Button **10**/ **START**	**START**	ESC

MENU CONTROLS

ACTION	MOUSE
Highlight menu item	Move cursor over option
Cycle options	Move cursor over option
Select highlighted item	Left-click
Toggle menu sub-items	Move cursor over option/menu

⊙ Pause menu can also be navigated by using a gamepad.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Pass/Call for pass	Button **2**	**B**	C
Shoot/Call for shot	Button **1**	**A**	SPACEBAR
Speed burst	Button **3**	**C**	X
Auto deke	Button **4**	**X**	Z
Game Breaker	Button **7**	LEFT TRIGGER	P

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Change player	Button **2**	**B**	C
Speed burst/Body check	Button **3**	**C**	X
Hook/Hold/Block shot	Button **1**	**A**	SPACEBAR
Big hit	Button **4**	**X**	Z

GOALIE WITH PUCK

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Pass	Button **2**	**B**	C
Clear puck	Button **1**	**A**	SPACEBAR

GOALIE WITHOUT PUCK

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Save attempt	Hold Button **3**	Hold **C**	Hold X

FACE OFFS

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Draw puck	Button **2**	**B**	C
Big hit	Button **4**	**X**	Z

FIGHTING

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Overhand	Button **3**	**C**	SPACEBAR
Jab	Button **1**	**A**	C
Uppercut	Button **2**	**B**	X

STRATEGY

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Call line change	Button **8**	RIGHT TRIGGER	F1–F4 Away F5–F9 Home

ADDITIONAL CONTROLS

ACTION	GRAVIS™ GAMEPAD PRO	MICROSOFT® SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Deflection/ Block shot/Dive	Button **5**	**Y**	D
Reverse the camera angle (keyboard only)	—	—	TAB
Manual Deke	Button **6**	**Z**	P
Change cameras (keyboard only)	—	—	CTRL + F1–F5
Spin Right	No default	No default	No default
Spin Left	No default	No default	No default

ADDITIONAL MAPPABLE CONTROLS

The following commands are not mapped to buttons under the default controller configuration for some controllers: Spin Left, Spin Right, Dump Shot/Last Man Back, Goalie Control, and Goalie Free Skate. You may choose to map these controls by accessing the Configure Controller menu (➤ *Controller Configuration* on p. 24).

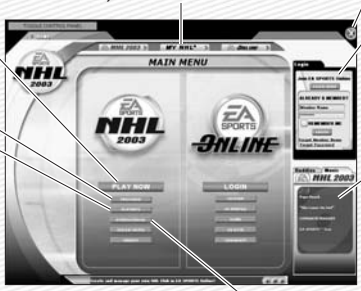
TIPS:

- **Try pulling off a one-timer. Pass the puck to a player and immediately press button 1. This can open up a great opportunity for a goal by catching the goalie off guard.**
- **If your player has a sniper icon, try letting off a fast wrist shot by allowing the shot meter to just fill up to the wrist shot level. The shot is fast and accurate.**
- **Hold the pass button down longer to create a saucer pass. This passes the puck over the opponents' sticks.**
- **For the ultimate control over your deke, press and hold the manual deke button. Then use the directional pad to move the player's stick.**

SETTING UP THE GAME

Navigate through the Main menu and get ready for the first game of the season.

MAIN MENU



PLAY AN EXHIBITION TYPE GAME (➤ BELOW)

ACCESS YOUR CUSTOM TEAMS, REVIEW YOUR HIGHLIGHTS, ADJUST YOUR PROFILE, AND ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

CLICK HERE TO EXIT *NHL 2003*

BUILD A TEAM TO TAKE YOU THROUGH SEASON AFTER SEASON

GO ONLINE AND PLAY AGAINST OTHER REGISTERED USERS (➤ P. 14)

HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE EXCITEMENT OF THE PLAYOFFS (➤ P. 13)

SEE WHICH TUNES YOU CAN LISTEN TO WHILE PLAYING *NHL 2003*

PLAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY IN AN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (➤ P. 13)

PLAY NOW

Get your players warmed up fast because this mode takes you straight onto the ice.

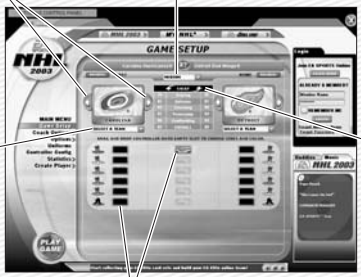
To start a Play Now game:

1. From the Main menu click PLAY NOW. The Game Setup screen appears.

GAME SETUP SCREEN

CLICK THE ARROWS TO ALPHABETICALLY CYCLE THROUGH THE TEAMS

CHOOSE A DIFFICULTY LEVEL FROM EASIEST (BEGINNER) TO MOST CHALLENGING (DIFFICULT)



TO QUICKLY SELECT A TEAM, CHOOSE THE TEAM FROM THE PULL-DOWN MENU

CLICK HERE TO SWITCH HOME AND AWAY TEAM SIDES

DRAG AND DROP YOUR CONTROLLER ICON TO THE DESIRED COLOR

2. To select a team, click on the pull-down menu and scroll through the names until you see your desired team. Highlight your desired team.

⮑ Click SWAP to switch Home and Away teams.

⮑ To select a random Home or Away team, click the RANDOM button.

3. Drag and drop your controller icon to position it next to the team you want to control or use the gamepad to move the controller icon to the desired side.

⮑ To adjust your COACH OPTIONS, OPTIONS, or CONTROLLER CONFIG, click the appropriate option on the left hand menu.

⮑ To select a team uniform for the game, click on the UNIFORMS option at the left (➤ p. 23).

⮑ To create a player, choose the CREATE PLAYER option (➤ p. 25).

⮑ To view statistics, click on the STATISTICS option at the left.

4. When you're finished selecting teams and adjusting your various options, click PLAY to go to the ice.

ON THE ICE

Read this section to make the most of your time on the ice.

FACE OFF

It all starts with the face off. Be ready when the ref drops the puck to start the game off on the right foot.

⮑ Press Button **2** to pass the puck to a teammate.

GAME SCREEN

You can get a good idea of your team's situation by reading the information on the game screen.

TIP: **Beware of a team whose abbreviation is orange. This indicates the team is angry and could possibly fight.**

GAME BREAKER METER

The Game Breaker meter is shown on the lower right corner of the screen for the home team or the lower left for the away team. When you perform manual dekes, you build up the Game Breaker meter. Once it's full, trigger a Game Breaker and take advantage of your increased speed to send one between the pipes.

PLAYER ICONS

The icons next to your players tell you what their strengths are.

BIG HITTER

BIG SHOOTER

HERO

SNIPER

HOT STREAK

INJURED, CAN'T PLAY

INJURED, CAN PLAY BUT IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FURTHER INJURY IF HE DOES

SUSPENDED FOR STARTING TOO MANY FIGHTS

PLAYER HAS THE FLU

COLD STREAK

TIRED, INDICATES A GOALIE WHO HAS PLAYED TOO MANY GAMES WITHOUT RESTING

PAUSE MENU

Take a breather, adjust the rules and options, view a replay, and more.

↪ Press Button **10**/**START** to access the Pause menu.

RESUME	Get back on the ice and in the game.
RULES AND OPTIONS	Adjust the rules and set your options (➤ p. 20).
STATS CENTRAL	Take a look at individual and team stats.
CAMERA	Adjust your camera angle.
[TEAM] OPTIONS	Adjust the options for your controlled team.
CONTROLLER SETUP	Choose another team to control.
REPLAY	Review the last play.
QUIT	Quit the current game and return to the Main menu.

OTHER GAME MODES

Build a Franchise, advance to the Playoffs, or take on the world in an International Tournament.

FRANCHISE

Build a dominating force season after season and see how many times your name gets engraved on the cup. You can play up to 10 seasons.

➪ To start a Franchise game, from the Main menu, click FRANCHISE. The Franchise Manager screen appears.

➪ On the Franchise Manager screen click NEW in the Franchise Leagues section to advance to the Franchise Rule Setup screen.

FRANCHISE RULE AND SETUP SCREEN

Some of the Franchise Setup options are self-explanatory or are listed elsewhere in this manual. Those are not repeated here.

Season Name	Click and type in a name for your Season.
Season Length	Choose a **LONG** (82 games), SHORT (29 games), or MEDIUM (58 games) season.
Starting Rosters	Begin with the **CURRENT** rosters (includes any changes you've made to the rosters), the DEFAULT rosters (how they were initially), or with FANTASY DRAFT rosters. ⊙ There will be monthly roster updates available from the EA SPORTS NHL website. You can select them from here once they're downloaded and installed.
Teams	Select the number of teams to participate in the Season.
Referee Type	Choose an **NHL** or an INTERNATIONAL referee. Or select AUTO to use the appropriate ref for the home team.
CPU Trading	Determine whether the CPU can initiate trades (**ON**) or not.
Playoff Games	Select the format for the playoffs: **7-7-7-7**, 1-1-1-1, 3-3-3-3, 5-5-5-5, 1-1-1-3, 3-3-5-5, or 5-7-7-7.
Sim Difficulty	Determine how difficult a simmed game is to win. The default is **NORMAL**.

Abort Games When **OFF**, partially completed games are saved. When ON, the game must be restarted.

➥ Enter a name for your Season and make any other setup and rules adjustments you want and then click ADVANCE. The Franchise Team Setup screen appears.

FRANCHISE TEAM SETUP SCREEN

Select the teams you want to include in Franchise play
Locate the team you want to control and then select HUMAN CONTROLLED from the pull-down menu
FRANCHISE TEAM SETUP

⊙ For Human Controlled teams you can enter a User Name and a password.

➥ Click on the team(s) you want to control and then select HUMAN CONTROLLED from the pull-down menu.

➥ Enter a Username.

➥ Click ADVANCE when you've got your teams set up to continue to the Franchise Central menu.

FRANCHISE CENTRAL

The team's overall ranking (with 100 being the highest)
View another user-controlled team
View streaks, the league calendar, the playoff tree, or awards
Setup the league, simulate to a date, or adjust user controls
Click to change conferences
Click to simulate this game
Click if you want to play this game and continue to the Game Setup menu
FRANCHISE CENTRAL

POST SEASON

After the season is over, the Franchise Central screen appears with some additional options:

AWARDS — After the entire Season is over, view the winners of all awards, from the Art Ross Trophy for the league's regular-season scoring leader, to the Hart Memorial Trophy for the league MVP.

PLAYOFFS

Skip the grind of the season and head straight into the frenzy of the Playoffs.

To start a new Playoffs game:

1. From the Main menu, choose PLAYOFFS. The Playoff Manager screen appears.
2. Click NEW. The Playoff Rule Setup screen appears.

⇨ To start an Online Playoffs game, ➤ *Online Playoffs* on p. 17.

3. Adjust your rules and setup as you would in a Franchise mode game (➤ p. 11) and then click ADVANCE to continue to the Playoff Team Setup screen.
4. Click and drag the teams to arrange the playoffs how you would like them.
5. Click on the team(s) you want to control and then select HUMAN CONTROLLED from the pull-down menu. Then click ADVANCE to continue to the Playoffs Central screen.
6. The Playoff Central screen functions like the Franchise Central screen (➤ p. 12).

INTERNATIONAL

See if your country can prevail against the world's greatest hockey teams.

1. From the Main menu, choose INTERNATIONAL. The International Manager screen appears.
2. Click NEW. The International Rule Setup screen appears. Adjust your rules and setup as you would in a Franchise mode game (➤ p. 11) except you must also set the Host NATION (where the tournament is played), and the ROUND ROBIN LENGTH (how many games in each round). When done, click ADVANCE to continue to the International Team Setup screen.
3. The International Team Setup screen is similar to the Franchise and Playoffs Team Setup screens.
4. Click ADVANCE once you've set up your team(s) to continue to the International Central screen. The International Central screen functions similarly to the Franchise Central screen (➤ p. 12).

EA SPORTS™ ONLINE

EA SPORTS Online (EASO) is an all-new online service available only to EA SPORTS PC-CD game owners. Register this product and get 60 free days of EASO membership. You also have the opportunity to earn more free time once you are a registered member.

⊙ For more information visit the ABOUT EASO area under the EA SPORTS Online menu.

NOTE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE EA SPORTS ONLINE SERVICE, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY FOR PLAY, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.EASPORTSONLINE.COM.

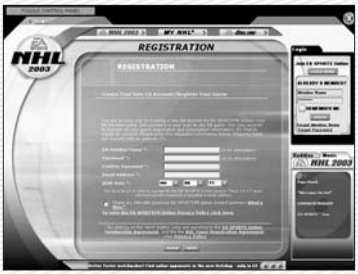
NOTE: EA reserves the right to retire the EA SPORTS Online Service for this product after 90 days notice, or 30 days after the last day of the 2002–2003 NHL season.

LOGGING ON

Before you can play at EA SPORTS Online Service, you must register your product and create a new EASO account, or use a pre-existing EA.COM℠ or AOL/AIM account.

➥ To register with EASO, click CLICK HERE on the Logon tab on the top right side of the *NHL 2003* Main menu. Follow the on-screen instructions for creating your EA SPORTS Online account.

REGISTRATION



You can register three different ways:

1. Use a pre-existing EA.COM account if you already have one.
2. Create a new EA Account.
3. Use a pre-existing AOL™, AOL Instant Messenger℠, Compuserve 2000™, or Netscape® AOL Instant Messenger account.

➥ Select your option and then click NEXT. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete your registration.

EA SPORTS™ ONLINE FEATURES

EA SPORTS Online lets you get even more out of your game. Set up a profile and buddy list, join a club, match up and find other gamers to play against, or participate in EA Elite and tournaments.

⊙ For help with these and other EA SPORTS Online features click the HELP button under the EA SPORTS Online menu.

YOUR PROFILE

With EASO you can own and maintain your very own EA SPORTS career. Your Online Profile progresses with each online game played. Your EA SPORTS Online rating determines your absolute abilities and makes you the most sought after online competitor or the biggest target!

CLUBS

Your Club pages are built right into the game interface. Club pages display your Club's news, top members, and tournaments. Recruit the best EA SPORTS Online players to your Club and compete against other Clubs for Tokens, bragging rights, and bigger rewards.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

With EA SPORTS Online you can run your very own Club tournament. Create a tournament specifically designed for your online friends and decide once and for all who the top Club member really is.

MATCHUP

Matchup makes locating an online opponent fast and easy. Locate another member with similar abilities or challenge a member rated as one of the best.

EA ELITE

Create a custom team that is directly impacted by real-time league events. Purchase Topps® trading cards in the Card Shop with your Tokens. Complete sets of cards for more Tokens or add cards to your EA Elite team. Everything that happens in the NHL directly affects the performance of your EA Elite team in online gameplay. Your players experience hot streaks, cold streaks, injuries, and even suspensions. This is not Fantasy. This is the REAL THING.

BUDDIES

When you add other EA SPORTS Online members to your Buddies list, you can instantly contact them to share a Club or tournament password, invite a player to join a Club, or challenge another player to a quick online game.

NHL® ONLINE FEATURES

You can also play *NHL 2003* online through the game interface. Play against your friends in a Match, Online Franchise, Playoffs, International Tournament, or an Online League.

MATCH

To start an Online Match:

1. From the Main menu, choose ONLINE MATCH. The Connection Setup screen appears.
2. Select CREATE NEW GAME and choose a connection type. Then click ADVANCE. The Online Game Setup screen appears.

⇨ Enter a chat name, game name (If LAN mode was selected), and assign a password if desired.

3. The Online Game Setup screen appears.

To join an Online Match:

1. From the Main menu, choose ONLINE MATCH. The Online Match screen appears.
2. Select JOIN CREATED GAME and then choose a connection type and enter a chat name and password.

⇨ If LAN was chosen select a game from the LAN lobby and click ADVANCE.

⇨ If Direct Internet Connection was chosen enter the IP Address of the Host and then click ADVANCE.

⇨ If Modem was chosen enter the phone number of the host and then click ADVANCE.

⊙ If the host has set a password you must also enter the correct password to join the game.

3. The Online Game Setup screen appears.
4. Choose teams, set rules, and set controllers while both users are on the Online Game Setup screen. When finished, both users must click the PLAY NOW Button to advance into gameplay.

TIP: **Use Custom Teams to create the ultimate team and test it out against your friends. Create the Custom Team before starting a game and select it at the Game Setup screen.**

ONLINE FRANCHISE

To start a new Online Franchise:

1. From the Main menu, choose FRANCHISE. The Franchise Manager screen appears.
2. Click NEW in the Online Franchise Leagues Section. The Franchise Rules and Setup screen appears.
3. The Rules and Setup screen operates exactly like the regular Franchise Rules and Setup screen (➤ p. 11). When you're done adjusting all settings, click ADVANCE to go to the Team Setup screen.
4. The Online Franchise Team Setup screen functions almost exactly like the regular Franchise Team Setup screen (➤ p. 12).

⊙ You can also set a password for user controlled teams.

5. When you're done setting up your teams, click ADVANCE to go to the Online Franchise Central Screen.

ONLINE PLAYOFFS

To start a new Online Playoff:

1. From the Main menu, choose PLAYOFFS. The Playoff Manager screen appears.
2. Click NEW in the Online Playoff Leagues Section. The Playoffs Rules and Setup screen appears.
3. The Rules and Setup screen operates exactly like the regular Playoffs Rules and Setup screen. When you're done adjusting all settings, click ADVANCE to go to the Team Setup screen.
4. The Online Playoffs Team Setup screen functions almost exactly like the regular Playoffs Team Setup screen.

⊙ You can also set a password for user controlled teams.

5. When you're done setting up your teams, click ADVANCE to go to the Online Playoffs Central Screen.

ONLINE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

To start an Online International Tournament game:

1. From the Main menu, choose INTERNATIONAL. The International Manager screen appears.
2. Click NEW in the Online International Leagues Section. The International Rules and Setup screen appears.
3. The Rules and Setup screen operates exactly like the regular International Rules and Setup screen. When you're done adjusting all settings, click ADVANCE to go to the Team Setup screen.
4. The Online International Team Setup screen functions almost exactly like the regular International Team Setup screen.

⊙ You can also set a password for user controlled teams.

5. When you're done setting up your teams, click ADVANCE to go to the Online International Central Screen.

JOINING AN ONLINE LEAGUE

To host an Online League:

1. At the Commissioner menu, click on WAIT FOR CONNECTION. The Launch Commissioner screen appears.
2. The Launch Commissioner screen functions like the Connection Setup screen in the Online Match section (➤ p. 16). When you're done adjusting your settings, click ADVANCE to go to the Commissioner screen.

⊙ At the Commissioner screen, you can observe people checking in and out of teams and chat with players.

To join an Online League as a client:

1. From the Main menu, click FRANCHISE, PLAYOFFS, or INTERNATIONAL, depending on the type of league you are joining.
2. From the Manager screen, click JOIN to advance to the Connection Setup screen. The Connection Setup screen functions like the Connection Setup screen in the Online Match section (➤ p. 16). When you're done adjusting your settings, click ADVANCE to connect and enter the Team Checkout screen.

⊙ Clients can check in and view teams and chat with each other and with the commissioner.

⊙ Every time you connect to the Commissioner, your league is updated with the latest scores and rosters in your league.

COACH OPTIONS

Adjust your strategy, edit lines, trade players, and view team rosters.

STRATEGY

Adjust your game strategy to exploit your opponent's weaknesses and optimize each line's strengths.

To select a game strategy:

1. From the Coach Options menu, choose STRATEGY. The Team Strategy screen appears.
2. Select strategies for each situation under Offense and Defense. Each strategy is explained in a box in the lower right corner of the screen and displayed in the upper right corner.

⮑ To change the strategy described and depicted, select a different one from the pull-down menu.

- To download video clips of each strategy in action, click the DOWNLOAD button. You are directed to a website where you can download the strategies.
- Once you have downloaded the strategy videos, click the PLAY VIDEO button to view a video of the strategy in action.

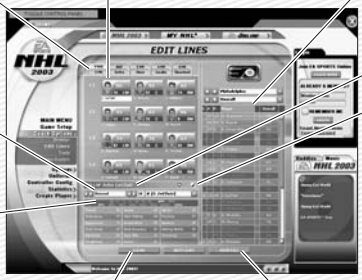
EDIT LINES

Rearrange your lines to find the perfect combination of players, take advantage of a player on a hot streak, or minimize the impact of a player on a cold streak.

To edit a line:

1. From the Coach Options menu, choose EDIT LINES. The Edit Lines screen appears.
2. Drag and drop players into the positions that you want them to play or click BEST LINES to optimize your team.

TEAM LINEUP SCREEN



SELECT A LINE TO EDIT

SCRATCH A DRESSED PLAYER OR DRESS A SCRATCHED PLAYER

THE BLUE HIGHLIGHTS INDICATE THE LINES THAT THIS PARTICULAR PLAYER IS ALREADY ON

CLICK ON A PLAYER TO VIEW HIS INFO, STATS, AND RANKINGS

CLICK AND DRAG A PLAYER TO A SPOT ON THE CURRENT LINE TO ADD HIM

PLAYER NAME

PLAYER ICONS INDICATE A PLAYER'S STRENGTHS (➤ PLAYER ICONS ON P. 10)

CLICK TO CLEAR ALL LINES

CLICK TO FILL IN ANY EMPTY SLOTS AUTOMATICALLY

TRADE

Trade one of yours for a favorite player from another team. Or really mix it up by trading multiple players. In Franchise mode, you can also trade for first and second round draft picks.

To initiate a trade:

1. From the Coach Options menu, select TRADE. The Create Trade screen appears.
2. Select two teams you want to initiate a trade between.

- To re-sort the players by another skill ranking, select a different skill from the pull-down menu. Or click on the grid and sort by the different columns.

3. Click the player(s) from each team that you want to trade. They appear at the bottom of the screen on the trade list.
4. When you have the trade all set, click the TRADE button to make the trade.

VIEW ROSTERS

Check out your team of skaters.

➪ To view rosters, from the Coach Options menu, choose VIEW ROSTERS. The View Rosters screen appears.

VIEW ROSTERS SCREEN

CHANGE THE DISPLAYED TEAM
VIEW THE RATINGS, PERSONAL BIO, SEASON STATS, AND PLAYOFF STATS FOR THE HIGHLIGHTED PLAYER ON THE DISPLAYED TEAM
SORT BY POSITION OR VIEW ALL SKATERS
CLICK TO SAVE THE CURRENT STATS
VIEW ROSTERS

OTHER OPTIONS

Set the rules and adjust your display, AI, sound, and game options.

RULES

PERIOD LENGTH	Set the game time from **5** to 20 minute periods.
PENALTIES	Decide how often penalties are called.
FIGHTING	Decide how often a fight breaks out.
REFEREE TYPE	Decide which rules the game is played by: **NHL**, INTERNATIONAL, or AUTO. When set to AUTO, the home team determines the rules type.
ARENA TYPE	Select **AUTO**, NHL, or INTERNATIONAL. When set to AUTO, the home team determines the rink type.
TIE BREAK	Choose how a tie game is decided: **CONTINUOUS** OT, SHOOTOUT, OT AND SHOOTOUT, SINGLE OT (4 ON 4), SINGLE OT (5 ON 5), AUTO, or NONE. When on AUTO, the home team determines the tie-break option.
MINOR PENALTY	Decide if Minor Penalties end on a goal. Default is **ENDS ON GOAL**.

Skill Level	Set the skill level at BEGINNER, EASY, **MEDIUM**, or DIFFICULT.
Injuries	When ON, players can be injured. Default is **OFF**.
Offside	Determine whether or not the referees call offsides. A player is offside when he crosses over the other team's blue line before the puck does. Default is **OFF**.
Icing	Determine whether or not the referees call icing. Icing occurs when a player hits the puck from his own half of the ice beyond the other team's goal line. Default is **OFF**.
2 Line Pass	Determine whether or not the referees call a two line pass infraction. This penalty occurs when a player passes the puck over at least two lines (a blue line plus the red line) to a teammate. Default is **OFF**.
Hero Rating	Decide if Hero players play harder at the end of a game. Default is **OFF**.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

Set the level of detail displayed in the game.

On Play Player Detail	Set the slider to indicate the level of detail you wish to see during gameplay.
Off Play Player Detail	Set the slider to indicate the level of detail you wish to see during animation sequences.
On Play Arena Detail	Set the slider to indicate the level of detail you wish to see in the arena during gameplay.
Off Play Arena Detail	Set the slider to indicate the level of detail you wish to see in the arena during animation sequences.
Game Resolution	Set the screen resolution that you wish to use in gameplay.

TIP: **If you experience performance issues, lower the settings for detail and resolution to speed up the gameplay.**

AI OPTIONS

Adjust your AI Setup, Skating, Checking, Pass-Shoot, and Puck options.

SKATING

Game Speed	Adjust the slider for faster (+) or slower (-) game speed.
Speed Burst Length	Determine the duration of a speed burst. The higher the value, the longer a player's speed burst lasts.
Speed Burst %	Adjust the percent of your player's speed burst. The higher the value, the more power his speed burst has.
Fatigue	Determine how quickly your players tire.
Fatigue Recovery	Determine how quickly your players recover from fatigue.

CHECKING

Aggression	Set the level of aggressiveness.
Injuries	Decide how often players get injured. ⊙ This setting does not affect gameplay unless the Injuries option on the Rules screen is set to ON.
Hitting Power	Adjust the power of the players' hits.
Fall Recovery	Determine how quickly players recover from a fall.
Shot Blocking	Set the likelihood of shots being blocked.

PASS-SHOOT

Pass Interceptions	Determine the frequency of interceptions.
Pass Accuracy	Set the accuracy of passes.
Pass Speed	Adjust the speed of passes.
Shot Accuracy	Adjust the accuracy of shots.

PUCK

Puck Elasticity	Determine the elasticity of the puck. The higher the value, the more "bouncy" the puck is.
Puck Friction	Adjust the amount of puck friction. Raising the friction level will cause the puck to slow down at a faster rate.
Retain Puck	Determines the ability of skaters to retain control of the puck when checked.
Goalie Rebounds	Determines the ability of the goaltender to hold the puck after a shot on goal.
Puck Control	Determine how well your players control the puck.

SOUND OPTIONS

Change the volume levels for music, sound effects, crowd, play-by-play, and in game speech. Toggle color commentary **ON**/OFF (when **ON**, you don't hear on-ice sound effects), set the number of speakers, and adjust the level of audio detail.

➥ Set In-Game music to **DEFAULT**, IMPORTED, or DEFAULT & IMPORTED.

GAME OPTIONS

Toggle Camera	Select **ACTION**, OVERHEAD, LIVE, BROADCAST, CLASSIC, or ICE.
Auto Zoom	Turn the face-off auto-zoom camera ON/**OFF**.
Control Indicator	Select whether players are identified by **NAME**, POSITION, USER NAME, or NONE to turn off player identification.
Clock Display	Toggle the clock OFF/**ON**.
Shot Meter	Toggle **ON**/OFF.
Puck Shadow	Turn the puck shadow **ON**/OFF.
Breakaway Camera	Toggle the Breakaway Camera **ON**/OFF.
Save Camera	Toggle how often Big Save replays occur.
Game Breaker	Toggle the Game Breaker Meter **ON**/OFF (➤ p. 10).
Pre-Game	Toggle the pre-game display **ON**/OFF.
Speed Game	Toggle all animation sequences ON/**OFF**.

UNIFORMS AND TEAM OPTIONS

Select your team uniforms and set team options.

➥ At the Game Setup screen, click Uniforms in the left margin. The Team Uniforms screen appears.

TEAM OPTIONS SCREEN

Click the arrows to cycle through the jersey options or use the pull-down menu to select one from the list of options

Turn Shot Aiming to manual/auto

Give the advantage to either team by adjusting the Boost sliders toward the Home or Away team

Turn Line Changes to no line changes, manual line changes, or auto line changes

CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION

Configure your controller(s).

To configure a controller:

1. At the Game Setup screen, click CONTROLLER CONFIG in the left margin. The Controller Config screen appears.
2. Choose a controller to configure from the pull-down menu. Only controllers that are connected are displayed in the pull-down menu.
3. Select the group of controls to configure (STRATEGY, FACEOFFS, PLAYER W/ PUCK, etc).
4. Click on the control you want to set and then press a button to assign that button to the control (or key on the keyboard).

STATISTICS

View statistics for a team or for a player.

PLAYER STATISTICS

Click the arrows to cycle through the teams alphabetically or use the pull-down menu to select a team

View All Players or Rookies

Choose to view either Season or Playoffs stats

Click the arrows to scroll through more, off-screen stats.

Select players to view: All Skaters, Forwards, Defensemen, or Goalies

⊙ You can also save your stats in a spreadsheet format. Statistics are saved as a CSV file.

TEAM STATISTICS

Click the arrows to cycle through league, conference, or division or use the pull-down menu to select

Choose to view either Season or Playoff stats

Click the arrows to scroll through more, off-screen stats

CREATE PLAYER

Build your player from the skates up. You can also edit, delete, and import a player.

To create a player:

1. From any game mode menu, select CREATE from the Create Player menu options on the left side of the screen.
2. Assign the player a name and other personal info on the Personal Bio screen.
3. Select a face for the player at the Appearance screen.
4. Assign the player attributes at the Basic Ratings, Advanced Skater Ratings, and Skater Hockey Sense screens. When finished, click Save.

⊙ If a goalie is created the Attribute screens are replaced with the Goalie Ratings screen.

To edit a player:

1. From the topics list on the left side of the screen, choose CREATE PLAYER. Choose MANAGE. The Manage Players screen appears.
2. Select a player and click EDIT to go to the Edit Player screen.
3. Make any desired changes to the player and then click SAVE.

To delete a player:

1. From the topics list on the left side of the screen, choose CREATE PLAYER. Choose MANAGE. The Manage Players screen appears.
2. Select a player and click DELETE.

To import a player:

1. Before starting *NHL 2003,* place your player file in the NHL 2003/USER folder located in the EA SPORTS folder in your install directory.

NOTE: **If you are running Windows 2000 or Windows XP, put the files in your Documents and Settings/<username>/NHL 2003/USER folder on the root drive.**

2. Start *NHL 2003* and click on PLAY NOW.
3. From the options list on the left side of the screen, choose CREATE PLAYER and then choose IMPORT.
4. Select a player to import from the Player List and click IMPORT.

To export a player:

1. From the topics list on the left side of the screen, choose CREATE PLAYER. Then Choose MANAGE.
2. Select the player to be Exported and click EXPORT.
3. The player is now exported. The export file can be found in the user directory of the *NHL 2003* install.

NOTE: **If you are running in Windows XP the save folder is located in your "Documents and Settings/<username>/NHL 2003" folder**

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